

# John Amaechi

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You are axes, in a world of wood. And the wood remembers when it has been cut, even if the axe forgets.

~John Amaechi

Knowing yourself, knowing where you want to get, combining those things gives you the pragmatic steps.

~John Amaechi

You can't be a part-time man of principle.

~John Amaechi

In a country like America, there are places, many states here still where coming out means you lose your job, where coming out means division, where it means potentially abuse.

~John Amaechi

I wasn't going to let Jerry Sloan embarrass me, because basketball had a proper role in my life. I suspected my basketball philosophy wasn't the bottom line anyway.

~John Amaechi

I always think coming out is something that you do for people who really deserve it. It should be.

~John Amaechi

In my experience, it's only people who don't play sport at a professional level who think that there is anything remotely erotic about a locker room.

~John Amaechi

There are some people the gestation period is like an elephant's and it's just years and years before they're ready.

~John Amaechi

We need to accept that some people are camp and some people are butch. Some people are pretty and some people are average, but we all fit.

~John Amaechi

I think in an ideal world celebrities do have a responsibility in many different areas to be role models.

~John Amaechi

I'm a nerd. I like to sit in the library. I don't like to sweat.

~John Amaechi

I'd probably have to leave home in order to become a basketball player of any note.

~John Amaechi

I just wanted to fit in, so probably early on I knew, but it was... social life was such a distant part of my existence when I was in school that I didn't even think about it too much.

~John Amaechi

I thought kissing was good with girls, but I always thought you know it probably could be better, so there was nothing really.

~John Amaechi

I suppose I knew I was gay at age 11 or so.

~John Amaechi

I've been captivated by the idea of being on a basketball court and being surrounded by people who made me look a little bit less like a freak.

~John Amaechi

I don't need to think that I'm being loomed over my shoulder in order to

behave in a way that's moral.

~John Amaechi

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